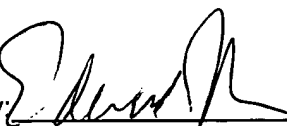


## **REMARKS**

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and request that they be considered by the Examiner. Many of the references were cited in copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/300,420, filed November 19, 2002 and are indicated as such on the attached; however for the non-U.S. patent documents not previously provided, they are enclosed herewith.

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